Meeting of Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings

1252. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: SHRI CHITTA BASU;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 252 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, "1986 and state:

(a) whether the Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings referred to the industrial relations problems in their respective units during the meeting held on the 26th May, 1986;

(b) if so, what is the nature of the problems discussed; and

(c) what decisions were taken at the Conference to deal with the problems?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Drilling in West Bengal by ONGC

1253. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) have decided to start drilling in West Bengal off-shore by the year end; and

(b) if so, the details and steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE: MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a), and (b) ONGC propose to start drilling in West Bengal offshore in December, 1986 With a jack up rig charter hired from M/s Japan Drilling Company.

Private Captial in Public Undertakings

1254. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme under consideration of the Government for attracting private capital for public undertakings;

(b) if so, what are the details of the same;

(c) whether there has been adequate response from the private sector in the matter; and

(d) if so, in which public undertakings private capital is proposed to be attracted?,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is referring to equity participation by private sector in the existing Central Public Enterprises. There is no such general scheme at present under the consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) In view of reply to part (a), parts (b), (c) and (d) do not arise.

Participation *of* Private Sector in Power Generation

1255. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position regarding the participation of private sector in power generation indicating the names of the private sector companies which have entered into this field during the last one year; and

(b) what are the reasons for low response of private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b)'